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SUBJECT: VISIT OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

1. WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS ARE PLANNING TO VISIT BRUSSELS FEBRUARY 17-20 AS PART OF TOUR WHICH TAKES THEM FROM WEST AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICA TO ROMANIA AND SOVIET UNION. GROUP WILL CONSIST OF 19 PERSONS (BIO DATA BEING POUCHED TO ALL MISSIONS) WITH VARIED INTERESTS. WHILE IN BELGIUM, THEY WOULD LIKE TO DIVIDE THEIR TIME EQUALLY AMONG BELGIUM, EC AND NATO AFFAIRS. EMBASSY BRUSSELS IS REQUESTED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS (EIGHT DOUBLES, THREE SINGLES) AT CONVENIENTLY LOCATED HOTEL. GROUP DEPARTING BRUSSELS FEBRUARY 20 AT 5:25 P.M., SO EVENTS CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR MOST OF THAT DAY. ARRIVAL TIME WILL BE CABLED WHEN KNOWN. GROUP DESIRES NO SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 17.

2- FELLOWS WILL RECEIVE BRIEFINGS IN DEPARTMENT AND FROM EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON BEFORE DEPARTURE, SO BRIEFINGS SHOULD BE SHORT, ALLOWING MAJORITY OF TIME FOR QUESTIONS. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE GOOD FORMAT.

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FELLOWS PREFER TO MEET

WITH OFFICIALS, BUSINESSMEN, ETC. IN PLACE IN WHICH THEY WORK, RATHER THAN HAVING BRIEFINGS BROUGHT TO THEM. GROUP REPRESENTATIVES HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT THEY DO NOT WISH ANY SIGHTSEEING AND ARE PREPARED TO HAVE FULL DAYS

AND EVENINGS UTILIZED IN SCHEDULED FUNCTIONS. GROUP DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE HOSTED AT RECEPTIONS, BUT MEMBERS WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET INDIVIDUALLY AND IN SMALL GROUPS WITH PERSONS OF SIMILAR INTERESTS, PERHAPS AT DINNERS HOSTED BY US OFFICIALS. THEY ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF PRESS CORPS WHO COULD PRESENT COMPREHENSIVE EUROPEAN VIEW OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. FELLOWS WILL NEED INTERPRETER FOR ALL SESSIONS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE. REQUEST EACH MISSION APPOINT CONTROL OFFICER.

3. FOR NATO: FELLOWS ARE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING QUESTIONS OF US TROOPS IN EUROPE. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE MILITARY BRIEFING, AT SHAPE IF POSSIBLE. GROUP WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOW NATO OPERATES, IDEALLY IN A SESSION WITH SYG LUNS. OTHER TOPICS WHICH INTEREST FELLOWS ARE MBFR, CSCE, SALT, ENERGY CRISIS AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING A SESSION WITH AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD, IF THAT CAN BE ARRANGED.

4. FOR USEC: FELLOWS WOULD LIKE TO USE VISIT TO SEE HOW EC INSTITUTIONS IN BRUSSELS FUNCTION AND GET OVERVIEW OF EC POLICIES AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. THEY ALSO ARE INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS IN MORE DEPTH ABOUT ENERGY, INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AFFAIRS, INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. TO EXTENT TIME PERMITS, THEY ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH EC OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR GREENWALD AND USEC OFFICERS TO DISCUSS US-EUROPEAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

5. FOR EMBASSY: FELLOWS ARE INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS WITH US AND FOREIGN BUSINESS EXECUTIVES (PARTICULARLY IN BANKING FIELD) COULD BE USEFUL FORMAT. UNCLASSIFIED

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IN ADDITION, FELLOWS ARE INTERESTED IN SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY IN FIELD OF HEALTH CARE. REQUEST THAT MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIALS BE SET UP, PERHAPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH VISIT TO CLINIC OR SIMILAR INSTITUTION IN BRUSSELS AREA. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR STRAUSSZ-HUPE AND EMBASSY OFFICERS FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. IF POSSIBLE, REQUEST THAT APPOINTMENT BE ARRANGED FOR THEM

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